

SEAFORTH PAC MEETING

March 14, 2012

Executive in Attendance: MaryAnn Giardini, Shannon Derksen, Hark Sandhu, Lynne Vidler, Rhylin Bailie, Jen Mezei, Zena Kwan, Sandra Mankoo, Siva Ramesh

Others in Attendance: Wendell Hiltz (principal), Pablo Su, Gail Su, Birdie Chan, Janet Lee, Jenny

Meeting started 7: pm

PAC BUSINESS - Rhylin Bailie

- Approval of February's minutes: firsts, seconds

Traffic Safety: Traffic and parking isn't improving. Reminder sent to parents but there are still lots of people parking in the pick-up/drop-off zone and even leaving their cars altogether. Very frustrating, don't know what the solution is.

Technology update: Committee hasn't met yet. Hoping to do so in early May.

Emergency Preparedness: Wendell contacting volunteers to discuss holding a drill in May, to do inventory of container contents

Wish List:

- Wendell did give reminder at most recent staff meeting

SPIRIT DAY COMMITTEE

Update

- Meeting to outline responsibilities
- Kids are assigned to sessions
- Speakers contacted to confirm final details
- Attendance lists given to teachers and committee
- Students given tags to list their sessions
- Last minute cancellations by speakers; MaryAnn and Cheryl volunteered to fill the gap created.
- Some volunteer organization still being done. Volunteers will be notified as to their duties.
- Parents and older kids getting kindergarten students to and from sessions
- Note: ask teachers at end of day, or kids, or volunteers to move furniture to back of room to allow for cleaning

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Wendell Hiltz

- School calendar for 2012/2013: creating a draft right now and asking for teacher feed-back. Need to co-ordinate pro-D days.
- Big events to incorporate into a year: Kindness month, Spirit Day, Carnival
- 2012/2013: parent social + Valentines Day; Spirit Day; no Carnival; Kindness month yes with a lot of co-ordination with teachers (could do family nights with kindness theme, to break kindness into smaller events, time blocks)
- Principal/Teacher feedback: kindness is something teachers are already teaching. Kindness month really showcased what was already being done.
- Jenny and other teachers to meet with Safe School Committee
- Leap frogging Spirit Day and Carnival: having both in the same year can be a distraction or too much for teachers, too much at the end of the year. Spirit day has been occurring since 2008, so it has co-occurred with Carnival twice.
- Timing of spirit day, length of the event could be tailored to accommodate school calendar. Al – Jenny to ask teachers exactly what the concerns are in order to help us modify the event. Half day could be too disruptive.
- Carnival is still every other year, need to figure out how to incorporate kindness over the year rather than in February, need to decide whether to have Spirit day in 2012/2013.
- School planning committee could incorporate kindness, community involvement; application of learning is the goal. There are things already being done by kids in different divisions: fundraisers for certain charities, food bank donations. Kindness section in existing school newsletter or a student run newsletter that could highlight these kind acts that are being done without PAC involvement.
- It is nice when the whole school works towards one goal; versus pockets of kind activity.
- One school in the first week of school it's community building week. Stations in the different classrooms, learn about different ways to build community. On the Friday they have a school-wide picnic.
- We'll continue to communicate with jennie about possibilities. Teachers will build their school calendar and bring it to the PAC in May, and then we'll see how our ideas slot in.
- Sounds like Kindness Month will take place, but perhaps in a different form.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE UPDATE – Zena Kwan

- The first handout went out today April 18 – save the date, volunteer, passport, cake walk, class basket forms. All colour co-ordinated for ease of sorting when they come in. Envelopes provided to each teacher to collect forms in. Sign-up sheet for theme baskets in staff room for teachers. Teachers must sign up by Friday; after this we assign the teacher a theme. There is a box in each classroom to collect items for Silent Auction

- Dates and cut-offs ready to give to Wendell to include in May newsletter
- June 1st Friday is the date to save
- Please sign volunteer forms and return ASAP
- MaryAnn will announce at DPAC meeting – April 30
- Wendell can send notice to other principals who can then pass on to PAC chairs; they could even send out via their listserv
- Gym, library, music room are being used by Carnival the day of
- Mr. Laphorne has grade 7's set up chairs. Need to set up PA system too.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Sophie Cong & Rema Sanghera

-See detailed report (PDF file).

-ACTION ITEM: could Sophie and/or Rema please work out what we expect to NOT be spent by the end of the year i.e. estimate this years' surplus. We would like a sense of surplus for end of 2012. Need to plan budget for end of year, Wendell to talk to Jenny re: teacher wish list.

SURLUS DISCUSSION:

-Spending on IT – scenario A, B, C will be created

-Other Ideas: high tech, science lab, aquarium lab, wild critters, paper Mache, fitness, marshal arts for 2012/2013. **ACTION ITEM:** ask Cheryl if she could let us know the price of each? Could all classes participate?

NEW BUSINESS

-Sexual education speaker: Saleema Noon Suggestion to try new speaker as she delivers the exact same material year after year. **ACTION ITEM: Jen to look into some of the existing alternatives.**

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm